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SUBJECT: PENGUIN PROGRAM

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO ALERT YOU TO NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE PENGUIN PROGRAM.
2. DURING ITS REVIEW OF THE US FY 79 MILITARY BUDGET, CONGRESS (BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES) ELIMINATED THE NAVY'S SPECIAL WARFARE CRAFT PROGRAM, INCLUDING FUNDS WHICH WERE INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE PENGUIN MOU. THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAS CREATED UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE SYSTEM AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE FUTURE OF US-NORWEGIAN AGREEMENTS ON THE SYSTEM.
3. WE REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT THIS PROGRAM IS TO THE NEWLY SIGNED OVERALL MOU, TO THE TWO-WAY STREET CONCEPT AND TO US-NORWEGIAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL. DOD IS PRESENTLY
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TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT COURSE OF ACTION CAN AND SHOULD BE TAKEN REGARDING THE PENGUIN SYSTEM.

4. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY INFORM THE NORWEGIANS OF THE ABOVE. VANCE

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